

Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties, and for other purposes.”; **Pages H2394–96**

**Nutria Eradication and Marshland Restoration:** H.R. 4044, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland for implementation of a program to eradicate nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland and the State of Louisiana for implementation of a program to eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria.”; **Pages H2396–98**

**Waco Mammoth Site Area Interior Study Act:** H.R. 1925, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Waco Mammoth Site Area in Waco, Texas, as a unit of the National Park System; **Pages H2398–99**

**Regional Plant Genome and Gene Expression Research Act:** H.R. 2051, to provide for the establishment of regional plant genome and gene expression research and development centers. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize the National Science Foundation to establish regional centers for the purpose of plant genome and gene expression research and development and international research partnerships for the advancement of plant biotechnology in the developing world.”; **Pages H2399–H2404**

**Recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the American Society of Civil Engineers:** H. Con. Res. 387, recognizing the American Society of Civil Engineers for reaching its 150th Anniversary and for the many vital contributions of civil engineers to the quality of life of our Nation’s people including the research and development projects that have led to the physical infrastructure of modern America; **Pages H2404–06**

**Highway Funding Restoration Act:** H.R. 3694, amended, to provide for highway infrastructure investment at the guaranteed funding level contained in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (agreed to by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 159); **Pages H2406–13, H2427**

**Social Security Benefit Enhancements for Women Act:** H.R. 4069, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for miscellaneous enhancements in Social Security benefits, and for other purposes (agreed to by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 160). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for miscella-

neous enhancements in Social Security benefits, and for other purposes.”; and **Pages H2413–22, H2427–28**

**Prohibiting the Involuntary Wearing of the Abaya Garment by Members of the Armed Forces:** H.R. 4714, to prohibit members of the Armed Forces in Saudi Arabia from being required or formally or informally compelled to wear the abaya garment. **Pages H2422–27**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:22 p.m. and reconvened at 8:48 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15. **Page H2453, H2467**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H2394.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2472–73.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2427, H2428, and H2428–29. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:50 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15.

## Committee Meetings

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Continued markup of the supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2002.

Will continue tomorrow.

### LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CORPORATE ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

**Committee on Financial Services:** Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises continued hearings entitled “Corporate Accounting Practices: Is There a Credibility GAAP?” Testimony was heard from Robert K. Herdman, Chief Accountant, SEC; Edmund L. Jenkins, Chairman, Financial Accounting Standards Board; and public witnesses.

### ACCOUNTABILITY OF TAX DOLLARS ACT

**Committee on Government Reform:** Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on H.R. 4685, Accountability of Tax Dollars Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Representative Toomey; Gary T. Engel, Director, Financial Management and

Assurance, GAO; Mark Reger, Chief Financial Officer, FCC; Alison L. Doone, Deputy Staff Director, Management, FEC; Frederick J. Zirkel, Inspector General, FTC; and Paul Brachfeld, Inspector General, National Archives and Records Administration.

#### VA HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on "VA Health Care: Structural Problems, Superficial Solutions?" Testimony was heard from Robert Roswell, Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Health Care-Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; Edmund Burke, Coordinator, Veterans Services, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

#### FAIRNESS IN SENTENCING ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 4689, Fairness in Sentencing Act of 2002.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Charles R. Tetzlaff, General Counsel, U.S. Sentencing Commission; John Roth, Section Chief, Department of Justice; James M. Rosenbaum, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and William G. Otis, former Assistant U.S. Attorney General, District of Virginia.

#### AFGHANISTAN FREEDOM SUPPORT ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 3994, Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill. The rule provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered by title rather than by section. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to those Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representative Lantos.

#### ENCOURAGING WORK AND SUPPORTING MARRIAGE ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Heard testimony from Chairman Thomas and Representative Rangel on H.R. 4626, Encouraging Work and Supporting Marriage Act of 2002.

#### SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolution reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of Wednesday, May 15, 2002, providing for the consideration or disposition of a bill to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WORK, AND FAMILY PROMOTION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 4735, Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Promotion Act of 2002, with 50 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Cardin of Maryland or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Heard testimony from Chairman Thomas and Representatives Herger, Boehner, McKeon, Tauzin, Levin, Cardin, Becerra, Mink of Hawaii, Owens, Scott, Woolsey, Tierney, Kind, Wu, Solis, Clayton, Carson of Indiana, Jackson-Lee of Texas, and Udall of New Mexico.

#### IRC—REQUIREMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Review of Internal

Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3) requirements for religious organizations. Testimony was heard from Steven T. Miller, Director, Exempt Organizations Division, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### IRS BUDGET REVIEW

*Joint Committee on Taxation:* Committee concluded hearings to review the strategic plans and budget of the Internal Revenue Service, as annually required by the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, after receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, and Larry Levitan, Chairman of the Oversight Board, both of the Internal Revenue Service, and David C. Williams, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury; and James R. White, Director, Tax Issues, General Accounting Office.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2002

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Air Force, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine affordable housing production and working families, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine the Enron Corporation, focusing on developments regarding electricity price manipulation in California, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine manipulation in Western energy markets during 2000-2001, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine transportation planning issues, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the binge epidemic on college campuses, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine copyright royalties, focusing on webcasting, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* to continue markup of the supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2002, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Congressional Witnesses, 10:15 a.m., Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on "Flexibility in the Workplace: Options for Public Sector Employees," 11:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on "Medical Science and Bioethics: Attack of the Clones?" 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on the Administration's National Export Strategy: Promoting Trade and Development in Key Emerging Markets, 12 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up H.R. 2301, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California, 3 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business,* hearing on the Pentagon's procurement policies and programs with respect to small businesses, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, joint oversight hearing on Implementation of the "National Invasive Species Act of 1996," 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* executive, briefing on Global Hot Spots, 1:30 p.m., and, executive, to mark up H.R. 4628, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003, 3:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.